

a stem, the stem having a second width, the second width being less than the first width;  
a female end, the female end having a third width, the third width being less than the first width and greater than the second width, the female end having a base, the base being held in place by the associated bottom surface; and,  
a second length, the second length being substantially the same as the associated first length, such that the female end is substantially flush with the associated latch arm.

9. (Once Amended) The dummy plug of claim 8, wherein the silicon is [at least] 18 durometer.

### **III. REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated June 28, 2001, claims 1-14 were pending. Claims 1-9 were rejected, and claims 10-14 were the subject of a restriction requirement.

The rejected claims have been amended and support for the allowability of the amended claims is included herein. The Examiner's careful consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

The following remarks will follow the order set forth in the Office Action.

### **IV. RESTRICTION**

In the Office Action, restriction under 35 USC §121 was imposed. Group I was identified, consisting of claims 1-9, drawn to a dummy plug for use with an associated wiring harness. Group II consisted of claims 10-14, drawn to a method of making a dummy plug

During a telephone conversation on June 26, 2001, the undersigned provisionally elected